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Japanese workers, endeavoring to pass through the cordons of strikers to return to their work yesterday afternoon, were forcibly prevented from so doing. Individuals were seized and hustled back by the strikers, under the very eyes of the police.

When asked by a representative of The Advertiser why the ones guilty of these assaults were not summarily arrested, one police officer stated that he was not authorized to make any arrest unless the Japanese so assaulted would first go to the police station and swear out a warrant. During the time the representative of this paper was gaining this information from the police officer strikers were hustling a Japanese stevedore within ten feet of the representative of the law.

If any such orders as the policeman quoted were issued by the police department head, a serious state of affairs has arisen, as such orders would indicate no intention on the part of the sheriff to protect the strike-breakers in their legal right to work. If the policeman were simply talking from the depths of his own ignorance, a serious state of affairs still remains, as his contention only demonstrates how wholly incompetent are the men detailed on strike duty.

We are inclined to the belief that the policeman had no such orders as he quoted and was only speaking from his general lack of instruction in the ordinary duties of his office. The average Hawaiian policeman makes the lack of a warrant on many occasions his excuse for frequent and repeated failures to act, even when violations of law are committed in his presence.

Of course, in the case of such assaults as appear to have been frequent along the waterfront yesterday, no warrants are necessary as a justification for arrests. The law is most specific, even if common sense did not prevail.

Section 3723 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, a copy of which is doubtless in the possession of the sheriff, says:

Anyone in the act of committing a crime, may be arrested by any person present, without a warrant.

Section 3726 of the Revised Laws gives a police officer the power to go even further, saying:

Policemen, or other officers of justice, in any part of town, even in cases where it is not certain that an offense has been committed, may, without warrant, arrest and detain for examination such persons as may be found under such circumstances as justify a reasonable suspicion that they have committed or intend to commit an offense.

We trust that Sheriff Rose will show his sincerity in this strike trouble by instructing his men to permit no further violence whatever along the wharves, either on the part of strikers, strike-breakers or employers, and that he will do his full duty, despite the fact that a majority of the strikers are voters while a majority of the strike-breakers are not.

The Civic Convention

THE fifth civic convention has passed into history, with its record of substantial achievement in the shaping of progressive ideas, with its tale of unstinted hospitality on the part of the hosts of the Big Island, with its serious sessions and its sessions less serious and with its further drawing together of the citizens of all the islands of the group. Successful in every particular was the convention and yesterday brought back from the Crescent City a well-satisfied, happily-tired bunch of delegates, each enthusiastic over the good time provided by the hospitable residents of Hawaii.

In the convention hall itself a strictly business-like program was carried through. Debate was untrammelled, keen and, at times, vehement, but always in the best of good humor, while throughout the various discussions there was evidenced the fact that the delegates spoke and acted from a broad, territorial standpoint. Narrow sectionalism was absent. Partisan politics did not intrude. Progressivism was in the air.

The social sessions were likewise informal, with little of the business of these occasions at all sessions. The "noise" sessions served their good purpose, however, in bringing delegates to a common footing of friendliness.

Hiloites and all those who associated with them to provide for the entertainment of the delegates from Kauai, Maui and Oahu, have earned the congratulations of the Territory for the excellence of the results and deserve to the fullest the appreciative thanks of their guests. Nothing that could be done to make the five days on the Big Island pleasurable and profitable was overlooked. Hilo has set another new record in hospitality for Honolulu to strive for in 1917.

The Portland (Oregon) Evening Telegram should be advised by the Hawaii Promotion Committee as to the real civilization of the Hawaiian Islands. In a headline which refers to the Territory the Telegram calls these the "Canibal Isles."

China's Hope

WHILE the eyes of the world are fastened upon the bloody lines of a Europe at battle, China continues to pin her faith in these warring Great Powers to protect her against the feared encroachments of Japan and still places her reliance upon the hope that what proved a barrier to Japan in the past will continue to prove a barrier—the self-interest of Europe in preserving the integrity of China. The death of Yuan Shih-kai removed from the sphere of Chinese politics, the great internal interests which were demonstrating themselves as anti-Japanese and it has been the hope of the new administration at Peking that events will be so allowed to shape themselves as to convince Tokio of this elimination.

Such a hope has not been realized as yet. The series of clashes in Mongolia between Chinese and Japanese troops, following the rapprochement of Japan and Russia, have given the former the chance to press further claims upon the Chinese government, with the friction between the two Oriental capitals becoming greater instead of less.

China continues to hope, however, and is now addressing its appeal for a new start diplomatically to Baron Hayashi, the recently appointed Japanese minister to China. Accompanying the suggestion that the minister will be able to show China that the policy of his government is inspired by other than aggressive aims, the Peking Daily Gazette, the influential government organ, which is also supposed to voice British opinion in the Orient, issues its word of warning.

"Baron Hayashi," says the Gazette, in a recent issue, "will be greatly assisted if he resettles Chinese-Japanese relations on a foundation of mutual enlightenment, instead of any of those formulae of protection expressed in terms of 'Asia for the Asiatics,' or of an Asiatic Monroe Doctrine, or—most suspicious and dangerous of all political heresies—of Japanese guardianship of China. As long as we continue unable to protect ourselves by our right arm, and it will be some time yet before we can do so, owing to the inherent as well as to the alien difficulties besetting us in the work of adjusting our national life to the new environment resulting from China's entry into the system of nations—we are and must remain the ward of the Great Powers that have guaranteed our independence and territorial integrity, and not of any single Power."

"It will be well for Japan to realize, definitely and finally, that a country with one-fourth of the world's population and with resources that are continental in extent and self-sufficiency is too great a mass of the earth's surface to be a matter of indifference to Europe and America. The attitude of the White Powers regarding the Japanese demands ought to convince Japan of what is in truth an axiom. And the security of China, vis-a-vis Japan is a valid interest of Europe and America not because—as it is written in the protocols—their commerce and industry rest on the independence and integrity of China, but because the effective domination of China by Japan would involve such a grave disturbance of the force of nations that the Japanese would be a menace and danger to the world."

A Common Sense Policy

KANSAS is the first state to bar the drinker from holding public office. The civil service commission, at the suggestion of Governor Capper, incorporated this ruling in the new law. "Most of the big corporations and other large employers have adopted the policy of not employing drinking people," said the Governor in his letter to the Commission. "In my judgement a state can well afford to follow in such footsteps."

One need not be much of a seer to predict that civil government all over the country, national as well as state and municipal, will soon "standardize" its business system in like manner. Even the anti-prohibitionist can recognize the value of total abstinence as a business asset.

The work of segregating the registered voters of Oahu by nationalities has not yet been completed, but it will probably be found when this is done that for the first time in the history of Oahu the combined Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian vote will be less than that of the "all others." When the lists closed before the primaries two years ago, with a total registration in the island of 9695, the registration by nationalities showed the Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian total to be 235 more than the total of all the rest, a lead which has probably been wiped out now. The various tabulations two years ago showed: Hawaiians, 3389; Part-Hawaiians, 1424; Americans, 2311; Portuguese, 1022; Chinese, 526; Japanese, 29; British, 428, and "others," 366.

Senator Martine of New Jersey has been renominated over John Westcott, and mainly because he ran amuck in the senate and became the leader of the Anglophobes. He also frequently refused to follow the lead of the President and won popular favor in that way. A year ago the renomination of Martine would have been laughed at as an absurdity, but a year makes a wonderful difference these times.

The editor wrote that Kuhio had an "immortal cinch" on reelection. The printer put it "immortal cinch," and so it appeared yesterday. We suspect that the printer in question is a supporter of Abe Louissou, which may account for the insinuation that Cupid's right to a seat in congress is not divine. For the idiosyncrasy of the compositor we hereby apologize.

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